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PATENT APPLICATION

Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2872

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yutaka SUENAGA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/615,081

Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: July 12, 2000

Examiner: M. Robinson

For: CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH THE SAME

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Attn: Mail Stop AF

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested
for the reasons which follow.

Claims 85-97 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
102(b) as being anticipated by Furter 5,742,436 and
Claims 98 and 99 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
103(a) as being unpatentable over Furter in view of
Williamson 5,956,192.

Entry approved.
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5/25/04